

Participants seeking academic credit are responsible for paying the undergraduate resident fee of \$583.80 or the graduate resident fee of \$709.80<sup>2</sup> **plus** the MVAA \$295 registration fee. Interested participants must complete an added credit course application. Questions regarding academic credit should be directed to Elizabeth Wilson at (573) 882-1368 or at [wilsoneliz@missouri.edu](mailto:wilsoneliz@missouri.edu)

#### **Certificate of Completion**

Upon successful completion of the entire Academy and all its requirements, participants will receive a certificate of completion from Continuing Education of the University of Missouri.

<sup>1</sup>Participants must be admitted to a graduate program to receive graduate credit.

<sup>2</sup>These fees are subject to change in the event that the University changes its fee structure.

### **Remember:**

**Applications due: April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Academy Dates: July 25-30<sup>th</sup>**

**Cost: \$295\* (registration, materials, food, lodging)**

(\*University students who already are on campus, may enroll for \$100)

To receive an application, contact:

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## **Serving Missouri's Victims Through Training of Advocates**



**University of Missouri—  
Columbia**

**July 25 – 30, 2004**

## **Announcement & Application Information**

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The Missouri Victim Assistance Academy (MVAA) offers the opportunity to live, learn, and interact with victim advocates and victim service providers from all areas of advocacy and from across the State of Missouri. The MVAA is intended for those relatively new victim service providers who have some training in their area of specialization. The MVAA will provide a fundamental overview of advocacy including victimology, victim rights, and victim assistance for residents in Missouri.

### MVAA Goals

1. To provide a broad spectrum of **basic** advocacy training for victim service providers/advocates in Missouri
2. To enhance the level of professionalism within the victim services field
3. To provide an opportunity to network with other victim service providers/advocates
4. To increase the participants' knowledge of national, state, and local resources

### University of Missouri

#### Academy Partner

The University of Missouri serves as an academy partner—both hosting the MVAA and providing continuing education credits and *optional* course credits. CEU's and optional course credits are available through UM—Columbia and UM—St. Louis. The location for the academy is Columbia. The location is central for the state and its residents.

### Who Should Attend?

The Missouri Victim Assistance Academy encourages the attendance of individuals from victim service organizations and other agencies that serve crime victims. The MVAA curriculum is likely to be best suited for those with 6 months to 3 years of experience. The MVAA is intended for both volunteers and paid staff from community agencies, coalitions, or system-based programs.

### Application Process

An application form is available upon request. In order to be eligible for selection, candidates must submit a completed application. The completed application should include the signature of your supervisor. We are reserving spaces for 60 experienced victim advocates and 10 university students. So, sign up early. Since the space is limited, multiple applications from a single agency may result in a limited number of selected applicants.

**Your completed application is due no later than April 30, 2004.** Do not send the registration fee with your application. Once you are notified of selection, registration fees will be requested.

### Request applications from:

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### Questions?

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### Selection Criteria

The Missouri Victim Assistance Academy is designed primarily for victim service advocates who are new to the field. Applications will be considered if the applicant has 6 months to 3 years of experience. Exceptions can be made; however, the content may not be best suited for applicants with levels of experience outside of those targeted. Ten (10) slots are reserved for undergraduate/graduate students who wish to serve victims (at a cost of \$100 if already on campus). In addition to experience level, the Academy seeks to represent the state's urban, suburban, and rural communities, as well as the cultural diversity and professional diversity of advocates across the state.

## Applicants will be notified of their selection by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Academy Costs and Time Frames

All students must arrive and register at the University of Missouri—Columbia by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. The Academy will close on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Students must attend the entire Academy, reside in university housing, utilize the meal plan, and attend all activities during and after instructional hours. The all-inclusive cost for tuition, course materials, housing, and meals is \$295.

### Academy Scholarships

A limited number of need-based scholarships are available. Each request should include an explanation of the need for financial assistance, the anticipated benefits of Academy attendance for the individual and agency, and an explanation of why agency funds can not pay the \$295 fee. **The request must accompany the *Application Form*.**

### Academy Faculty

Field Experts from across the State of Missouri will instruct alongside university faculty, providing a rich educational foundation grounded in practical application.

### Academy Curriculum

The National Victim Assistance Academy curriculum will serve as the foundation for understanding of foundational concepts. Supplemental materials developed specifically for Missouri are available from Missouri coalitions also will be used, so that victim service providers/advocates leave with practical information to help better serve victims in Missouri.

### Academy Credit Option

Applicants have the option of earning undergraduate or graduate<sup>1</sup> academic credit through the University of Missouri. Three academic credits will be granted upon completion of all Academy activities and assignments, as well as pertinent extra assignments.

